

OBAMA: PASS OR FAIL? (P. 12)

- ❶ **Two of Obama's key accomplishments since 2008 have been**
 - a ending the war in Afghanistan and persuading lawmakers to move past partisan politics.
 - b enacting climate change legislation and gradually improving the economy.
 - c reducing the national debt and reforming the nation's health care system.
 - d bringing troops home from Iraq and saving the U.S. auto industry.
- ❷ **President Obama did not deliver on his promise to**
 - a shut the Guantánamo Bay prison.
 - b lower taxes on the wealthy.
 - c reduce ties with Russia.
 - d eliminate the national debt by 2011.
- ❸ **According to the article, Americans ages 16 to 24**
 - a were the first demographic group to experience relief from the recession.
 - b face an unemployment rate far higher than that of the rest of the population.
 - c have tended to support Republicans in most recent elections.
 - d support doing away with the electoral college.
- ❹ **Some Republican voters are concerned about Mitt Romney's**
 - a extreme conservatism.
 - b relatively liberal record.
 - c volatile personality.
 - d lack of experience in politics.
- ❺ **Who beat an incumbent president by focusing on the economy and asking voters, "Are you better off than you were four years ago?"**
 - a George H. W. Bush
 - b Jimmy Carter
 - c Bill Clinton
 - d Ronald Reagan

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

- ❶ How much credit—or blame—do you think presidents deserve for how the economy is doing? Explain.
- ❷ If you were voting in the election today, who would get your support? Why?
- ❸ Other than fixing the economy, what tasks would you like to see the next president tackle? Explain.